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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 11 February 1955

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of Meeting), Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Roosevelt, Bissell, Sheldon (part of Meeting), [REDACTED]

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Mr. Dulles:

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b. Asked General Cabell to follow-up on the cable to the Senior Representative, [REDACTED] (OUT 62112) respecting a transfer of material under the para-military turnover program.

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c. Asked Mr. Bissell to form a Committee for the purpose of recommending exploitation of the recent shake-up in the Soviet hierarchy. The Director said we should devise an overall program which would be global in scope and, in fact, this Committee should be continually maintained in a readiness status in order to take immediate advantage of political and other changes in the Soviet orbit. The Director went on to say that the cable drafted by Messrs. [REDACTED] on the recent Soviet changes had been well received by the OCB, and he desired to furnish this Board with a further progress report at its next meeting on 16 February. Mr. Bissell undertook to follow through.

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d. Stated that he did wish to receive any further comments our "two defectors" might make on the current changes in the Soviet regime.

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General Cabell:

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Mr. Roosevelt:

Noted John Bross was preparing a briefing paper for the Director's meeting with Dr. Conant on 14 February, and stated in all probability [] would be invited by Conant to attend this meeting. The Director said either Mr. Wisner or Mr. Roosevelt and John Bross should also be present. Mr. Amory noted that at the present time CIA is the Intelligence Advisor

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is organized.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Referred to Senator Williams' call to the Director yesterday and stated as a result he had attempted to get in touch with the Senator and found that he had gone out of the city and would not return until 16 February. Mr. Kirkpatrick said he felt the matter on which Senator Williams was calling is in hand and if necessary he would go to see him. The Director also asked Mr. [] to remind him to call the Senator.

c. Expressed his concern over the bona fides of several [] defectors and in particular those who are writing comments for the press on the recent shake-up in Moscow. He said he had already received a call from David Lawrence who shared this concern. Mr. Dulles noted he had always had his doubts about []